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South for shifting the bamboo bazaar from its existing place.

215. Six hundred and sixty-four sites were available at the beginning of the year, and 31 were formed during the year. Thirteen sites were resumed during the period. Of these, 29 sites were sold or allotted, leaving 679 sites at the close of the year.

216. Regarding underground drainage works for the old City, an estimate of Rs. 8,81,660 has been sanctioned. Government have agreed to bear half of this amount in four annual instalments as outlay is incurred.

217. With a view to give immediate relief to the houseless people and on account of the difficulty experienced by the public to get building materials especially controlled articles in the local market, at reasonable rates, a few model houses at a cheap cost ranging from Rs. 3,200 to Rs. 6,500 were constructed as an experimental measure behind the Silk Factory and disposed of either by sale or allotment. Out of 4 sets of model houses proposed to be constructed in Ittigegud which are now taken on hand, two sets of 12 houses each have been completed and the construction of third set of 12 houses has commenced.

Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board.

218. The Kolar Gold Field Sanitary Board which was reconstituted for a period of three years from 1st December 1947 continued to function during the year. There were twenty-two members on the Board. Six ordinary meetings and two special meetings were held and the average attendance was 15.

inance.

219. The total receipts inclusive of the opening balance and the total expenditure of the Board were Rs. 3,59,217 and Rs. 2,55,777 respectively The receipts under the house and shop taxes were Rs. 15,819, the total realization under octroi duty being Rs. 1,01,061 and income under "Markets" Rs. 43,996.

220. Out of a total demand of Rs. 3,61,064 under cesses and taxes, a sum of Rs. 2,96,495 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 64,569 under the heads "Mohatarfa". "Vehicle tax" Ground rent on Cooly Colony, etc.

Improvement works.

221. The improvement works sanctioned at a total cost of Rs. 4,83,334 were under progress during the year.

(x) Davangere City Municipality.

222. The total area of the Davangere City is 7.6 square miles and the population according to the census of 1941 was 31,812.

223. The Davangere City Municipal Council consisted of 25 councillors, of whom 20 were elected and 5 nominated. The number of meetings held was 46, of which 9 were ordinary, 23 special and 14 adjourned.

224. The term of the Office of the President and the Vice-President of the City Municipal Council was fixed for a period of one year.

225. The total receipts and expenditure of the Municipality during the year were Rs. 4,81,806 (Rs. 6,10,168) and Rs. 5,18,395 (Rs. 5,73,938) respectively. The total demand including arrears under all the heads during the year was Rs. 4,49,330. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 2,47,389 was recovered leaving a balance of Rs. 2,01,941 at the end of the year. The percentage of collection to total demand worked out to 53 per cent.

226. The following were the important works sanctioned during the year:—

		Rs.
1.	Construction of New Municipal Offices Building.	1,36,500
2.	Construction of Vegetable Market building.	60,000

227. The work connected with the improvement of the distribution main for Davangere Water Works at Harihar at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,10,000, was completed. The formation of a new cattle shandy maidan in the Davangere tank bed was sanctioned.

228. A grant of Rs. 30,000 was sanctioned in connection with the payment of compensation to atchkatdars under the Anekonda and Nituvally tanks, as they were breached with a view to keeping the area in a sanitary condition.